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## **REQUEST FOR NEW ACTION**

A new Action is requested to consider the Information Disclosure Statement and Amendment of December 5, 2006.

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<u>REMARKS</u>

The Action of December 7, 2006, fails to consider claim 5 as a whole.

THE CLAIMED INVENTION AS A WHOLE MUST BE CONSIDERED MPEP 2141.02 I

(emphasis original)

The whole of claim 5 has a bootstrap circuit that heightens an input impedance "of" the output circuit, and not -- to -- the output circuit as in the Berringer, et al. patent. The whole

claimed invention includes even its shortest words.

The Action still slights this distinction by using reference characters for the delay

circuit (21, 22) and bootstrap circuit (15), but not for the output circuit.

The applicant traverses this slight by pointing out again that the output circuit must be

on the right of Fig. 1 of the Berringer, et al. patent in order to generate, as claimed, the supply

voltage delayed by the delay circuit (21, 22) that is in the middle in the patent. In the patent,

the bootstrap circuit (15) may heighten an impedance, e.g., from input 38 -- to -- the output

circuit, but is in the wrong place to heighten an input impedance "of" the output circuit, as

claimed. To be "of" the output circuit, the bootstrap heightener must be with the output

circuit on the right, and it's not; it's on the left.

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